



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – February 12, 2015

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Heather Fowler, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, Bernie Johnson, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan, Richard Kane and Neil Salisbury.

Agenda Review – No changes to the printed agenda or addendum were suggested.

Minutes – January 22, 2015 – Heather moved to approve the minutes are written. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 16 – Selectmen signed warrant 16 in the amount of \$71,854.87. Stu reported the largest expenditures were for the school department payroll and accounts payable warrant.

Cash & Budget Report – Jo remarked that the town is doing well on expenditures when compared to the percent of the year that has passed.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the form expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account reconciliation which had been sent via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Disposition of Tax Acquired Property – Map 1 Lot 28-1 – Stu reported that Janet Mullen had sent a check paying all back taxes, fees and interest in full and that he has prepared a quitclaim deed and transfer tax document for Selectmen to sign as per the offer to Ms. Mullen, the previous owner.

Neil Salisbury asked if there was a man or woman who had a vested interest in the property. Stu said this was the same question that Mr. Salisbury had asked in both an e-mail and written letter to the Board of Selectmen, in what Mr. Salisbury had identified as a Freedom of Information Act request. He said that's a question for an attorney and Mr. Salisbury should consult his own attorney. Jo said the Selectmen could not answer the question.

Mr. Salisbury began a rather lengthy statement regarding government and stating that he has a sweat equity interest in the property. Jo said the Selectmen were trying to treat Mr. Salisbury with respect, but that he should talk with an attorney. Mr. Salisbury left at 7:14 PM.

Jo moved to sign a letter to Neil Salisbury in regard to his e-mailed and hand written requests in regard to a vested interest in the property. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0. Selectmen signed the letter.**

Jo moved to sign a municipal quitclaim deed to Janet Mullen for Map 1 Lot 28-1. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the deed, Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs acted as the witness.**

Jo moved to authorize the Town Treasurer to sign the Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration form. Heather 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Map 2 Lots 25, 25-1 – Stu reported there has been no response to the letter sent to the personal representative of Doris Deslsles in regard to redeeming this tax acquired property. He said one person has expressed interest in going into the house to see what condition it was in. He said the Deslsles family has until just before the next scheduled meeting to respond, or the Selectmen would consider putting it up for auction.

Town Meeting Warrant – Stu reported the changes approved at the previous meeting were incorporated into the draft warrant. Nathan moved to sign the warrant as drafted. Heather 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the warrant.**

Citizen of the Year – After much discussion with four written nomination names, the Board settled upon a suitable recipient of the Citizen of the Year award.

Town Report – Stu reported the final piece of the town report was inserted earlier in the afternoon. He asked that Selectmen respond with any needed changes by Monday so that it could be printed on time.

Fiscal Sponsor – Little Kids Library Program – Stu reported that he spoke with Cynthia Donaldson just prior to the meeting and that she has received fiscal sponsorship from Special Children's Friends. He said she thanked the Board for its support as well as the entire town. She also said something good was happening soon.

MDOT Speed Monitoring Trailer – Jo moved to apply for placement of the MDOT speed trailer next summer. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** CEO Jordan suggested looking into how much a sign might cost the town.

Returnables – Jo moved to assign the proceeds from the returnables during November 2015 to the Lamoine Baptist Church. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Mosely Point Lane – Jo moved to assign the name "Mosely Point Lane" to a drive that is going to serve more than one residence shortly. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0. Selectmen signed the naming order.**

Workshop Date – Gravel Ordinance – After reviewing the possible dates with the Planning Board, the Selectmen agreed that the next meeting on February 26, 2015

would be the date. The agenda will be kept relatively light with the focus on the ordinance workshop.

Property Tax Reminders – The Board discussed whether to send postcard reminders this year for the 2nd half of property tax payments. After consideration, the board decided not to send the reminders as has been done in past years to see if those reminders had any significant impact on tax collections.

There was a brief discussion about doc license reminders. Stu said those had gone out in the mail earlier in the day. He said the town office posted it on the outside sign for the entire month of January, had sent e-mail and posted on Facebook about the deadline.

MacQuinn v. Planning Board Suit – Stu reported that a discovery request had come in from the Plaintiffs, and that he had questions that he sent to town attorney Pileggi. He said he would do his best to respond with whatever town records are available for the plaintiffs, but with guidance from the town attorney.

Dangerous Building – Stu reported Jay Barnes had signed the consent agreement earlier in the day, and with a mid-February deadline on several items, he was unable to meet them because of safety concerns due to snowfall. Jo moved to extend that deadline to March 31, 2015. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Town Hall Window – Stu reported a window pane on the 2nd story has broken. Mike Jordan said he would look at it tomorrow.

Next Meetings – Gary ran down the list of meetings, the next regular meeting being February 26, 2015. Town Meeting is March 10 (election) and March 11 (open meeting), and the organizational meeting following town meeting is March 12.

Executive Session – Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(a) for a personnel matter. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0** at 7:50 PM. Out at 8:15 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen